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Student News

Transcript and Salary Review Process Deadline Has Passed!

February 16, 2004 was the deadline for students to submit their official transcripts. If you have not yet submitted your transcript you need to turn it in as soon as possible because it could delay your pay raise. If you have faxed or sent in an unofficial transcript you need to request an official one from your university. Please have your official transcript mailed to:

Los Alamos National Laboratory

Attn: Mindy Mendez

P.O. Box 1663, MS M706

Los Alamos, New Mexico 87545

Remember your transcript should include your Fall grades and Spring enrollment.

Inspec® and more in SearchPlus version 2.0 from the Research Library

SciSearch Plus is now SearchPlus, reflecting significant interface changes and broader subject coverage.

- **Inspec® added:** SearchPlus now includes Inspec®, the leading database in physics, electrical engineering and electronics, and computing. Inspec covers 1969 to the present in almost eight million records from journals, conferences, books, reports and patents, with rich subject indexing.
- **Revised interface** with improved navigation
- **Basic and Advanced search screens** now available
- **Search history** improved, providing more information about your searches
- **New indexes** added for Inspec data
- **Limit by "Times Cited** greater than or equal to #" feature now available (applies to ISI databases only), to narrow a search to influential papers
- **Printer-friendly links** are provided
- **Help** has been completely re-written, with more searching tips



SearchPlus is a key tool for accessing and using scholarly literature. Its combined databases offer access to over 41 million records, with tools for setting personal preferences, keeping up-to-date with alerts, and handling search results. Access at <http://search.lanl.gov/>.

Get more library news at <http://lib-www.lanl.gov/libinfo/news/news.htm>. Comments or questions? Contact the Research Library at library@lanl.gov or 667-5809.

The Students' Association Beat (aka SA Beat)



Disclaimer: Items in the SA Beat are compiled from public information contained from various sources within and around Los Alamos. Activities and information listed in SA Beat imply fun and excitement for LANL students.



Los Alamos County Council Meeting

Despite the snow and resultant Lab closure, the Los Alamos County Council meeting proceeded as normal on February 24. SA Vice-Chair Omar Wooten addressed the Council on the subject of improving life in Los Alamos for the student population. Based on feedback received directly from students via a questionnaire developed by SA Chair Shauna Kackley, the presentation was well received by the Council, and suggestions were offered to increase partnership between the SA and the County's Chamber of Commerce. The SA Officers thank all students who supported the Students' Association by responding to the survey. To view the presentation and survey results, visit the SA website: <http://sa.lanl.gov>.



Student Views

Community Corner

3rd Annual Community Job/College Fair

Where: UNM-LA
When: Thursday, March 11
From 2:00-6:00 p.m.

To see a list of employers attending the fair or to see what recommended materials to bring, please call 662-2519 ext. 679 or visit

www.losalamoschamber.net



Know students who are not receiving Student News, Student Views? Invite them to contact eramirez@lanl.gov to get on the list serv.

The LANL ▽(students) – GRAd (students)

February's GRA brown bag lunch was quite informative. We were joined by former GRA and current technical staff member Tamara McMahon of the Research Library. The informal discussion was enhanced by Tamara's expertise in the Library's on-line resources, most useful to students involved in literature searches and thesis/dissertation writing. The lunches will continue on a monthly basis through April. Beginning in May, with the high influx of students, the lunches will meet bi-weekly. For more information, and to suggest guests and meeting venues, contact Omar Wooten (hasani@lanl.gov).



Safety/Security Tip

Candle Safety?

WASHINGTON, D.C.- A new report shows that while deaths from residential fires have been nearly cut in half from 4,500 in 1980 to 2,660 in 1998, those caused by candles have increased dramatically. Candle deaths increased 750 percent from 1980 (20 deaths) to 1998 (170 deaths). In most cases, candles caused house fires when they were left unattended, tipped over and ignited nearby combustibles. Almost half of home candle fires start in the bedroom. Mattresses or bedding are the most common items that ignite, followed by furniture (dressers, desks, and tables) and then curtains. Tealights and tapers are common culprits in candle fires.

A child playing with the candle itself or near the candle is one of the biggest contributors to candle fires. Faced with fire, many children hide in a closet or under a bed leading to tragic fatalities. In fact, children under age 5 have a fire death rate more than twice the national average.

"Candles are no longer used for the occasional dinner party. In fact, only a small percent of candle fires start in dining rooms," said CPSC Chairman Ann Brown. "Candle sales are booming and families are lighting candles in their living rooms, family rooms, dens and bathrooms. Fires from candles have increased dramatically, but they are preventable. Reduce the chance of a fire, by following CPSC's simple safety tips."

- Keep matches, lighters and candles away from children.
- Never leave burning candles unattended.
- Keep combustible materials away from candles.
- Don't put candles in a location where children or pets could knock them down.
- Use only non-flammable candle holders.
- Always trim the wicks before lighting.



For the rest of this article or for similar information please visit the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission at <http://www.cpsc.gov/>.

About The Education Program Office...

The Education Program Office is dedicated to developing an employment pipeline for the Laboratory. Efforts begin with K-12 students and teachers and progress through undergraduate and graduate level students. The following teams are located within the Education Program Office: the Math and Science Academy Outreach team, the Laboratory's Student Program Coordination team and the Critical Skills Development Program team. We strive to enhance the learning environment at the Laboratory for both the students and Laboratory staff members.

